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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 689

INFO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE FREETOWN 0179

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, SL

SUBJECT: COURT MARTIAL: DEATH SENTENCES HANDED DOWN

REF: A. FREETOWN 0157 B. FREETOWN 0170

1. COURT MARTIAL OF ARMY WARRANT OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN FOUND GUILTY OF TWO COUNTS TREASON FOR INVOLVEMENT IN JULY 30 BOMB PLOT CONCLUDED AFTERNOON JANUARY 29 WITH SENTENCING OF ALL SEVEN MEN CONVICTED TO BE SHOT BY FIRING SQUAD. SENTENCES MUST, HOWEVER, BE CONFIRMED BY FORCE COMMANDER BRIGADIER J.S. MOMOH AND BY PRESIDENT BEFORE THEY CAN BE CARRIED OUT, WHICH PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR DELAY IN EXECUTIONS OR GRANT OF CLEMENCY IF GOSL DECIDES SUCH CALLED FOR FOR POLITICAL OR OTHER REASONS.

2. EMBASSY HAS TWICE IN RECENT DAYS RENEWED TO MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS EARLIER REQUEST (FREETOWN 2431 NOTAL) FOR ASSISTANCE IN RECEIVING ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT SPARK NEW DEMONSTRATIONS OR

THREATS AGAINST SL EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON.
EXTAFF FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND IS SYMPATHETIC TO PURPOSE
OF EMBASSY REQUEST AND HAS PROMISED ATTEMPT KEEP
EMBASSY ADVISED BUT WARNS IT NOT NECESSARILY IN POSI-
TION OBTAIN ADVANCE INFORMATION FROM OTHER MINISTRIES
OR AGENCIES OF GOSL.
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